



music as a gift

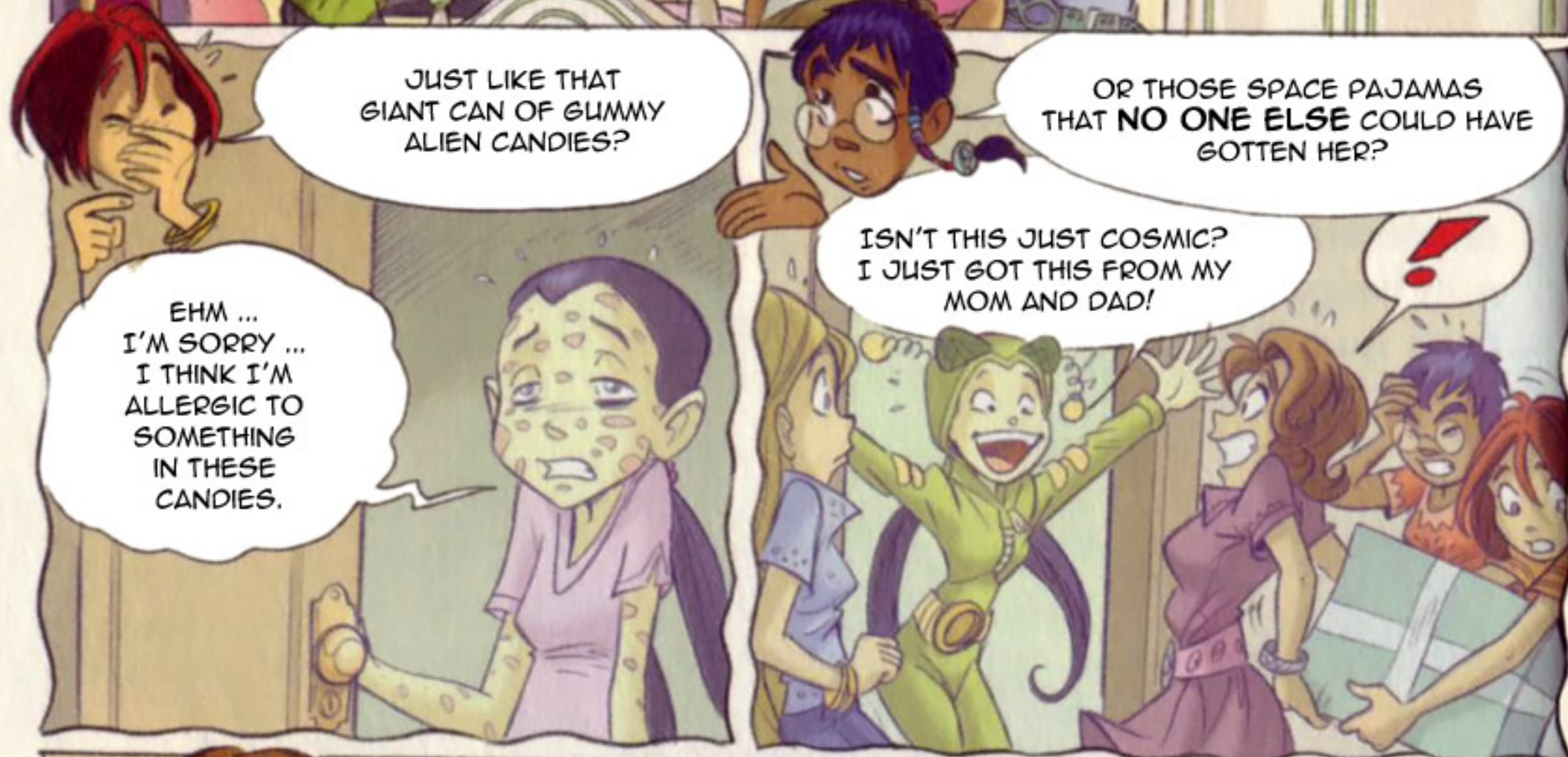
TO MAKE YOUR FRIENDS
HAPPY ISN'T ALWAYS EASY!





SO, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN MIND THIS TIME? YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUCH GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR HAY LIN!

GET OVER IT! THIS GIFT IS PERFECT FOR HAY LIN.



JUST LIKE THAT GIANT CAN OF GUMMY ALIEN CANDIES?

OR THOSE SPACE PAJAMAS THAT **NO ONE ELSE** COULD HAVE GOTTEN HER?

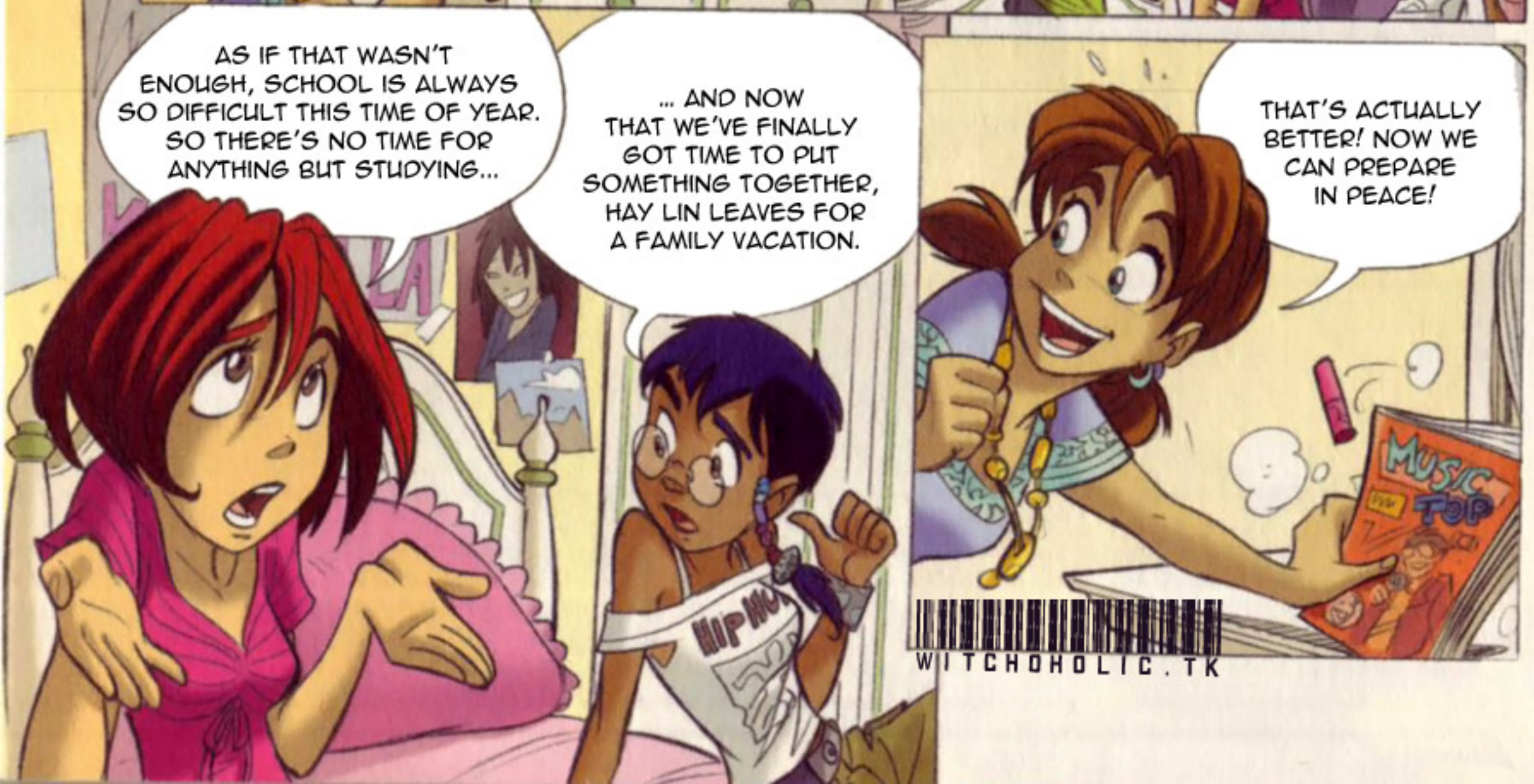
EHM ... I'M SORRY ... I THINK I'M ALLERGIC TO SOMETHING IN THESE CANDIES.

ISN'T THIS JUST COSMIC? I JUST GOT THIS FROM MY MOM AND DAD!



WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT HAY LIN'S BIRTHDAYS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BAD BECAUSE OF MY GIFT IDEAS?

BE HONEST, WHEN HAVE YOUR BRIGHT IDEAS EVER BEEN THE LIFE OF THE PARTY?



AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, SCHOOL IS ALWAYS SO DIFFICULT THIS TIME OF YEAR. SO THERE'S NO TIME FOR ANYTHING BUT STUDYING...

... AND NOW THAT WE'VE FINALLY GOT TIME TO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER, HAY LIN LEAVES FOR A FAMILY VACATION.

THAT'S ACTUALLY BETTER! NOW WE CAN PREPARE IN PEACE!



WITCHHOLIC.TK

TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS!

WOW! THE 3B.B.B
SUMMER TOUR IS COMING
TO HEATHERFIELD, TOO?

HAY LIN
IS A HUGE FAN!
I'LL TEXT HER
RIGHT AWAY!

NO WAY! THIS CONCERT
HAS TO STAY A SECRET!

WHY?

WELL, HELLOO!?
WE'LL JUST GRAB FIVE
TICKETS WHILE HAY LIN'S
STILL AWAY!

" WE CAN FINALLY
SURPRISE HER FOR
HER BIRTHDAY AND
GET HER BOUNCING
RIGHT IN THE
FRONT ROW! "

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
DEAR HAY LIN....
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOUUUUUU!

EEEEK! I LOVE IT!
THANK YOU!
THIS IS THE MOST
COSMIC BIRTHDAY
EVER!

WELL,
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

THAT WE'VE
GOT TO HURRY!
THE BAND IS SO
POPULAR THAT
THE CONCERT
MIGHT ALREADY
BE ...







COLLECT 50 POINTS FROM
CRUNC & CROC CHIP BAGS
TO ENTER THIS CONTEST WHERE YOU
CAN WIN TWO TICKETS FOR
THE 3B.B.B HEATHERFIELD
CONCERT!



THIS ALSO
INCLUDES A BACKSTAGE
PASS MEET AND GREET
WITH THE BAND!

CRUNCH!
THIS IS LEADING NOWHERE!
I'VE GOT CHIPS COMING
OUT OF MY EARS ...

OM-NOM ...
COME TO THINK ABOUT IT ...
EVEN IF WE GOT LUCKY,
WE'D HAVE TO COLLECT
100 POINTS AND THEN WIN
TWO TIMES ...



... AND WE'D
STILL BE ONE
TICKET SHORT!

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
TRY TO COME UP
WITH SOMETHING
ELSE ...

AGREED!
AND I'M NOT JUST
SAYING THAT BECAUSE I'M
SICK OF THESE
CRUNC & CROC'S
...



... BUT IT WOULD ALSO
STRIP ME OF ALL MY CHARM
AND MY CHANCES
WITH LARRY!

LARRY?

YEAH!
THE SALESMAN
AT THE ONE-
WAY TICKET
OFFICE!

" HE WAS ALL EMBARRASSED ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ME WHAT I WANT! "

I-I'M SORRY!
I WOULD DO ANYTHING
TO HELP YOU ...

I THOUGHT I'D
ASK HIM OUT FOR ICE CREAM
AND HINT ABOUT THOSE TICKETS.
I'M SURE HE'D GET
THEM FOR US!

BRILLIANT!

HMM...
I'M PRETTY SURE
MY NEW NEIGHBOR
FLINT IS A MEMBER OF
THEIR FAN CLUB ...

HE SHOULD HAVE
SOME TICKETS SET ASIDE
FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS!
IF WE'RE LUCKY, FLINT MIGHT
SELL US SOME OF THEM.

IT'S WORTH
A TRY!

GREAT!
I'LL GO THROUGH
THESE MAGAZINE
FOR ADS OF ANYONE
WHO'D WANT TO GET RID
OF THEIR TICKETS!

THE SECOND HAND
MAGAZINE, HUH?
MY BROTHER FOUND
A GREAT SURFBOARD
IN ONE OF THEIR
ISSUES!

YEP, DEAN USES
THESE FOR
BOOK SWAPPING
.....

I KNOW HOW
TO CHEER US UP!
LET'S ORDER PIZZA!
I'M ALREADY HUNGRY
AND WE'LL NEED LOTS
OF ENERGY!

" WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO WORK OUR BUTTS OFF TO GET THOSE TICKETS! "

ARE YOU SURE? IT'S PRETTY RARE THAT SOMEONE OFFERS THEIR HELP WITHOUT ASKING FOR SOMETHING IN RETURN!

HEE HEE, LIFTING STUFF IS GOOD EXERCISE!

UNGH! I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE WORTH IT.

GUHH! DON'T WORRY! FLINT GOT AN EXTRA TICKET FOR HIS GIRLFRIEND, BUT THEN THEY GOT INTO A FIGHT, AND ...

FLINT PROMISED THAT HE'D GIVE ME THE TICKET IF I HELPED HIM MOVE, WHEW!

UGH! THEN AT LEAST WE CAN GET HAY LIN TO THAT CONCERT! I JUST HOPE CORNELIA PULLS OFF HER PART ...

" ... SO THAT THAT REST OF US CAN GO, TOO! "

... AT THE AGE OF FIVE, I WON AN INTERNATIONAL CELLO CONTEST!
AT THE AGE OF EIGHT, I MADE MY DEBUT AS AN ORCHESTRA COMPOSER AT THE CLEVERING NATIONAL THEATRE!
AT THE AGE OF TEN, I LEAD THE HEAVENSTONE PHILHARMONIC AS THEY PERFORMED TARKIVSKJ'S CONCERT IN D MINOR, AND THEN IN THIRD GRADE ...

OH, PLEASE EXCUSE ME! I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT MYSELF, I DIDN'T EVEN ASK IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BAROQUE!

WELL, UMM ...

... HONESTLY, I'M INTO SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT. YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED IT FROM MY REQUEST EARLIER ...

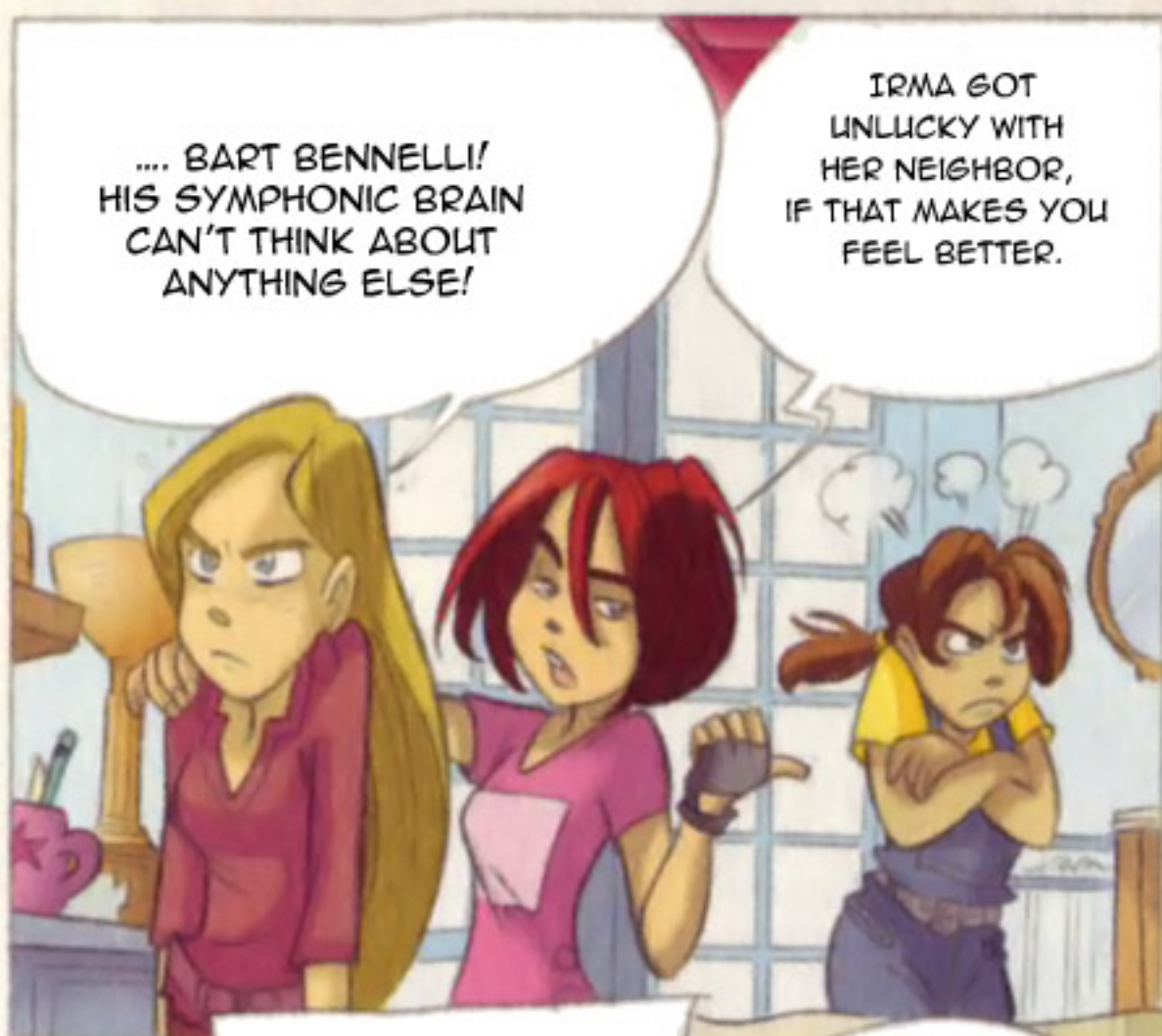
DUH! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THOSE TICKETS. YOUR TASTE IS CERTAINLY SOPHISTICATED!

HERE YOU GO!
FIVE FRONT ROW TICKETS TO BART BENNELI'S CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT AT THE HEATHERFIELD CONCERT HALL!

SBAT



UNBELIEVABLE!
THE TICKETS WERE FOR
THE WRONG CONCERT!
THAT GUY IS SO DISCONNECTED
FROM THE WORLD THAT HE ACTUALLY
THOUGHT B.B MEANT...



.... BART BENNELLI!
HIS SYMPHONIC BRAIN
CAN'T THINK ABOUT
ANYTHING ELSE!

IRMA GOT
UNLUCKY WITH
HER NEIGHBOR,
IF THAT MAKES YOU
FEEL BETTER.



HE PROMISED!
HE PROMISED ME!
WHAT'S THE POINT IN
TRUSTING ANYONE!?
GRRR!

AFTER ALL
THE WORK, WE WENT
TO THE PARK TO
REST FOR A WHILE
AND FLINT WENT TO FIND
THAT TICKET.

LATER,
WHEN WE
CAME BACK,
WE KNOCKED AT
HIS DOOR AND
ALSO FOUND
...

... JULIA,
MY GIRLFRIEND!
WE MADE
A DEAL!



HOW COULD I
SAY "NO" TO THIS
LOVELY LADY?

!!

RIGHT, WHO COULD
TAKE AWAY THE BEST
CONCERT ALL SUMMER
FROM SUCH A
WONDERFUL
GIRL?

THIS ISN'T
GOING TOO WELL ...
OUR IDEAS HAVEN'T
GOTTEN US ANYWHERE!

HEY,
DON'T GIVE UP
JUST YET!





TARA!

WHEW, I RAN UP HERE
AS FAST I COULD!
PETER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS
UNKNOWN LITTLE STORE
THAT STILL HAS SOME
TICKETS LEFT ...

"... LET'S GO
RIGHT NOW!"

UNKNOWN?

HMM... I GUESS
THE NEWS GOT
AROUND FAST!

I REALLY HOPE THAT
ALL OF THESE PEOPLE DON'T BUY
ALL OF THE TICKETS!



NO WORRIES!
THERE ARE STILL
SOME TICKETS
LEFT ...

SOME?
THERE ARE AT LEAST
TWENTY PEOPLE IN LINE!
IF EVERYONE GETS JUST TWO
OR THREE TICKETS THAT
JUST LEAVES ...



... FIVE!

YAHOO!



MUSIC 4 U,
IVAN SPEAKING
...

NO, YOU CANNOT
RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
OVER THE PHONE. YOU HAVE TO
PURCHASE THEM IN PERSON!

OH!
WELL, I GUESS
WE COULD MAKE
AN EXCEPTION.
FIVE,
YOU SAID?



I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.



UHM ...
COULD YOU
RELAX?
EVERYONE'S
STARING!

GIGGLE
PLEASE,
STOP IT!

WHERE DOES
SHE EVEN GET
THOSE INSULTS
FROM?

???

BUT WHO CARES?
THAT EVIL SALESMAN JUST
SANK OUR ONLY HOPE OF
EVER GETTING TO THAT
CONCERT.

HOLD ON,
I JUST GOT
A TEXT!

IT'S FROM
HAY LIN!

We're on
our way back.
I'll be home
by evening,
so ...

... SHE ASKED US TO
COME BY TOMORROW!

BUT WE'RE
NOT GOING EMPTY-
HANDED!

SNAP





YUM!
IT LOOKS
DELICIOUS!

HANDS OFF,
IRMA!

OH, COME ON!
I WAS JUST
ADJUSTING THE
CANDLES!

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

EHM ... BETTER LATER
THAN NEVER!

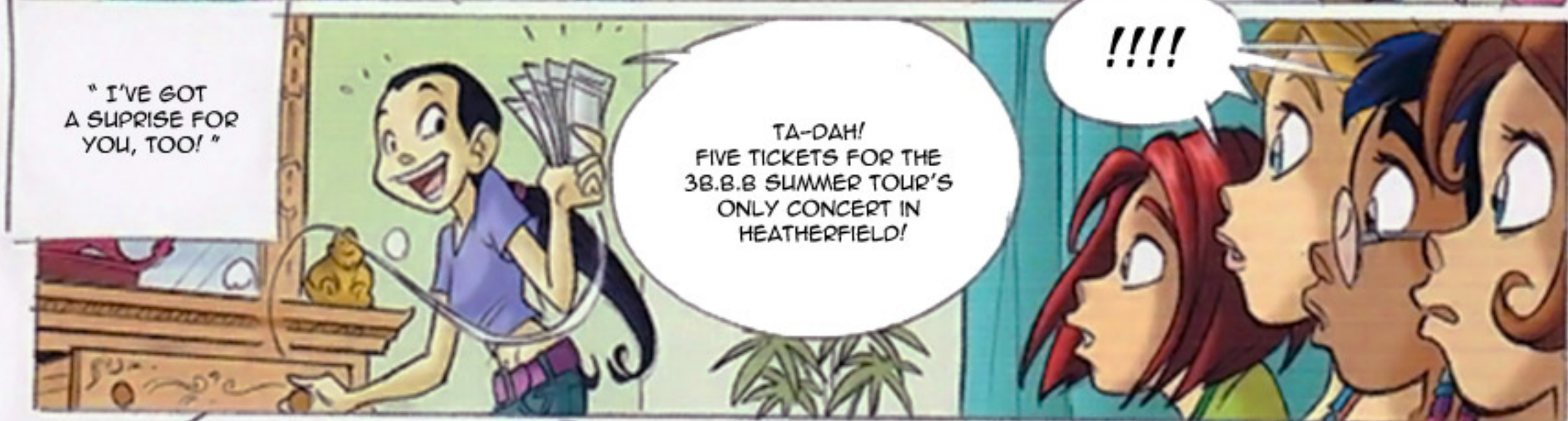
WOW, AWESOME!

* EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ITALIAN WORD "AUGURI" LITERALLY MEANS 'WELL WISHES', BUT CAN BE USED TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY (IN FACT, THE SONG "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU" IN ITALIAN IS "TANTI AUGURI A TE")!



" YOU GUYS
ARE THE BEST! "

FEEFFFF



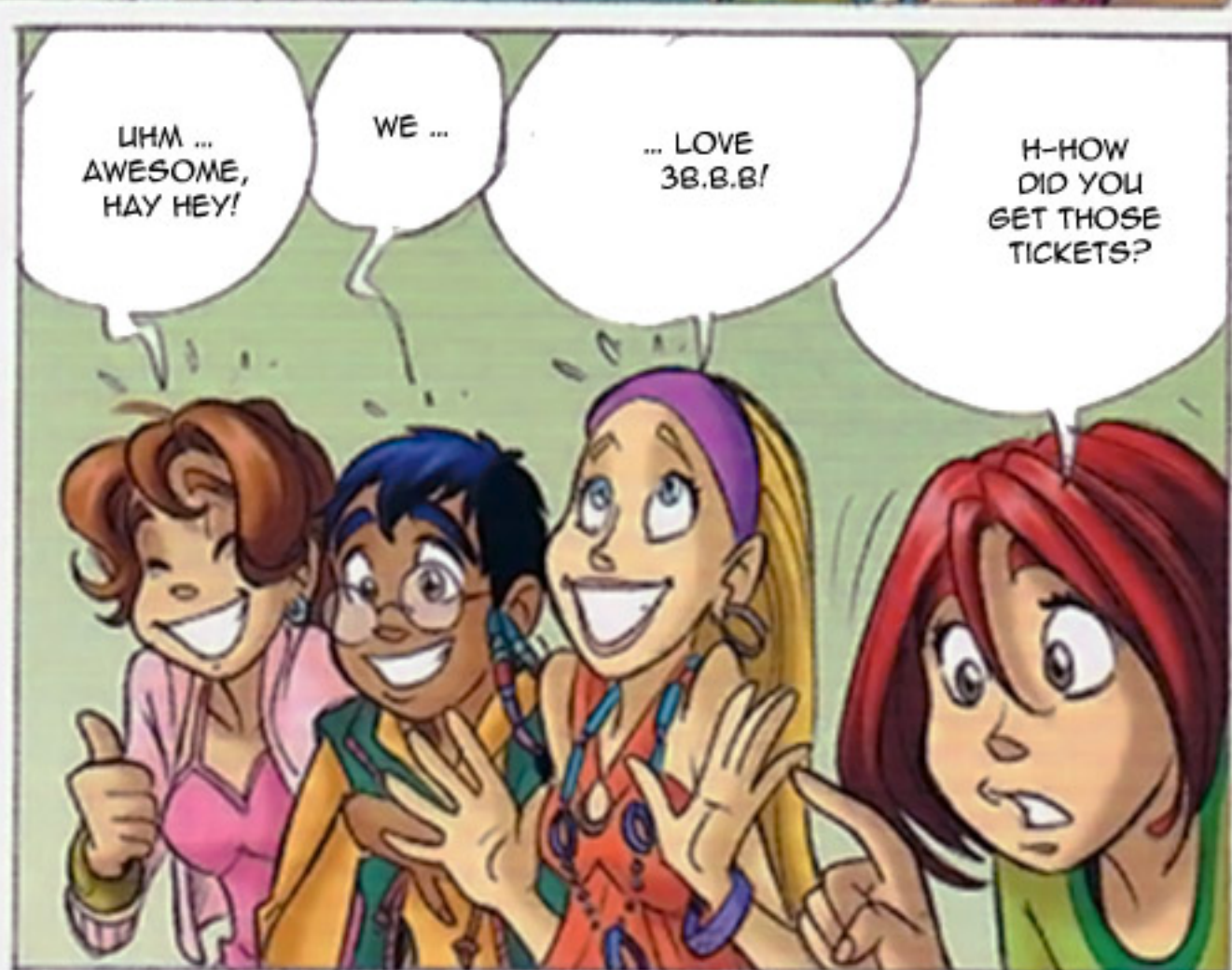
" I'VE GOT
A SURPRISE FOR
YOU, TOO! "

TA-DAH!
FIVE TICKETS FOR THE
3B.B.B SUMMER TOUR'S
ONLY CONCERT IN
HEATHERFIELD!

!!!!



HUH?
I THOUGHT THAT
YOU'D BE HAPPY ...
I THOUGHT ... THIS
WAY, WE'D FINALLY BE
ABLE TO SPEND MY
BIRTHDAY TOGETHER!



UHM ...
AWESOME,
HAY HEY!

WE ...

... LOVE
3B.B.B!

H-HOW
DID YOU
GET THOSE
TICKETS?



IT WAS PRETTY EASY.
I JUST CALLED THE MUSIC 4 U SHOP
AND GOT TO TALKING WITH THIS
VERY NICE SALESMAN
WHO SET ASIDE FIVE TICKETS FOR ME
AS SOON AS I TOLD HIM ...



... THAT IT WAS
FOR MY BIRTHDAY.
ISN'T IT COSMIC?

DOWNRIGHT
GALACTIC!



EXACTLY.
NO LESS BUT GALACTIC,
THAT'S HOW THE SUMMER'S
HOTTEST MUSIC EVENT WAS -
AND THE W.I.T.C.H GIRLS
GOT TO EXPERIENCE IT
TOGETHER ...
IN THE FRONT ROW,
OF COURSE!

IN THE END,
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
WHO HAD THE IDEA OR
WHO SAW IT THROUGH ...



WHAT MATTERS THE MOST
IS THAT ALL OF THEM HAD
ONCE AGAIN PROVEN THAT
THEY THINK AS ONE,
EVEN WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT.
THAT'S MORE MAGICAL THAN
ANY CONCERT!